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LEGALLY AND MORALLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENCLAVE
STEINSTUECKEN IS THE SAME AS FOR ANY OTHER PART OF THE U.S.
SECTOR OF WEST BERLIN.

GENERAL HODES HAS SUGGESTED ISSUING FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS
TO USCOB:

"YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE SUCH FORCE AS IS NECESSARY
TO PRESERVE ORDER IN AND TO PROTECT THIS ENCLAVE DESPITE THE
FACT THAT SUCH ACTION MAY REQUIRE CROSSING ABOUT 1000 METERS
OF GDR TERRITORY WITH ARMED FORCES."

I HEARTILY ENDORSE THIS RECOMMENDATION. ANOTHER INCIDENT
SUCH AS THE PAST ONE AFFECTING STEINSZUECKEN WOULD IN MY
OPINION BE MOST DESTRUCTIVE OF U. S. PRESTIGE IN BERLIN AND
ELSEWHERE. THIS SUBJECT REQUIRES URGENT DECISION.

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